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YOUR GUIDE TO THE WORLD OF SONIC THE COMIC (STC) & SEGA. PRESENTED BY YOUR HOST, MEGADROID.



Hey, Boomers,

Can you handle the mighty Mountain Bikes up for grabs in this issue's terrific Compo? Thanks to those generous humes at Sun-Pat, there's five fantastic Giant Bikes to be won.

What else is there to deal with? Well, mega pollution for one thing in part two of Sonic's Crisis in the Chemical Plant Zone (for more spills on this, see below).

The clouds are closing in for a certain fox in **Weather Beaten**. Flight fatigue has set in and and Tails gets grounded! Find out what's up (not Tails!) as evil meteorology genius, Windy Wallis takes full advantage with her new invention; also, check out the high-

lying Sonic & Tails Pin-Up.

The pressure's well and truly on in the runny conclusion to **Chuck and the Cheese Factory**. Slurp-A-Cheese factory workers have sabotaged the Production line, the main cheese vat is going to blow and it's Cheese Wars all round!

Finally, Amy and Tekno are accused of being aliens in the **Earthbound** conclusion, and are being held captive in an underground base; remind me not to go near that vicinity! Hope you give your newsagent a happier reception when the next far out issue lands in just two weeks!

Megadroid

CAN SONIC STOP THE ROT (OR HAS HE HIT THE DEAD END ZONE?)

Boomer Alert! Slime creatures made up of Doctor Robotnik's seriously poisonous Mega Mack are currently wreaking revenge on Sonic! A chemical factory is about to explode and resulting pollution will cause a major ecological disaster!

Can our fearless hero save the Chemical Plant Zone and surrounding zones from becoming so polluted that nothing will be able to grow for a hundred years? All will be revealed in part two of **Crisis in the Chemical Plant Zone** (see over).



Jessica Taylor, Gravenhurst, Bedfordshire, MD owner, STC Prize Winner.



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THE MEGA MACK FACTORY
IN THE CHEMICAL PLANT
ZONE IS ABOUT TO EXPLODE!

THE RESULTING POLLUTION
WOULD BE DISASTROUS TO
ALL THE SURROUNDING
ZONES... INCLUDING THE
EMERALD HILL ZONE!

SONIC

CRISIS IN THE CHEMICAL PLANT ZONE

PART 2

THE ADVENTURES Script: NIGEL KITCHING Art: RICHARD ELSON Lettering: TOM FRAME

I WAS PLANNING TO GET
MY REVENGE ON YOU BY
POISONING YOUR PRECIOUS
EMERALD HILL ZONE!

BUT NOW YOU'RE HERE,
I THINK I'LL TAKE CARE OF
YOU FIRST!

REVENGE?
LOOK, BUD, I'VE
NEVER EVEN MET
YOU BEFORE!

STILL DON'T
REMEMBER ME, EH?
PERHAPS YOU WILL BE
REMINDED BY THIS...



SONIC, WHAT ARE THEY DOING?

HOW THE HECK SHOULD I KNOW?



THEY... THEY'RE JOINING TOGETHER!

TAILS, YOU ALWAYS WERE AN EXPERT AT STATING THE FLIPPING OBVIOUS!




OH, I RECOGNISE YOU NOW, SLIMY... YOU'RE WHAT'S-HIS-NAME... MR TOX!

MEGATOX! MEGATOX! YOU IDIOT!

*AND IF YOU DON'T RECOGNISE HIM, DON'T FEEL BAD, HE LAST APPEARED IN STC 10 BACK IN 1995 - Megadroid.

LAST TIME YOU BEAT ME BY PURE LUCK... THIS TIME IS DIFFERENT...

THIS TIME I WILL DESTROY YOU!



YOU THOUGHT YOU HAD
DESTROYED ME, BUT
YOU WERE WRONG!

I HAVE SPENT YEARS
GROWING... INCREASING
MY STRENGTH... I AM NOW
CHARGED WITH THOUSANDS
OF VOLTS OF ELECTRICAL
POWER!

MY ENERGY LEVEL IS INCREASING
EVERY SECOND... IN MINUTES AN
EXPLOSION WILL BE TRIGGERED!

"THEN I WILL BURST OUT FROM THIS
TANK INTO THE EMERALD RIVER!

"I WILL SURGE INTO THE
EMERALD HILL ZONE WITH THE
FORCE OF A TIDAL WAVE!"

"I WILL POISON THE RIVERS... THE
LAND! YOUR ZONE WILL BECOME
DEAD. NOTHING WILL BE ABLE TO LIVE
THERE FOR A HUNDRED YEARS!"

BUT, AS I SAID,
FIRST I WILL
DESTROY YOU!

YOU WOULDN'T
BELIEVE THE
NUMBER OF
TIMES I'VE
HEARD THAT!



I HAD A WEAKNESS
BEFORE... I WAS LIQUID
AND COULD NEVER REALLY
TOUCH ANYTHING!

BUT I HAVE NOW
HARNESSED THE POWER
OF ELECTRICITY AND...

...I CAN
STRIKE!

KRRRAKK!

SO I
SEE...

SO YOU CAN DISH
IT OUT... BUT LET'S
SEE IF YOU CAN
TAKE IT!

I DON'T HAVE
TO TAKE IT,
HEDGEHOG... NOT
AS LONG AS I
CAN REVERT TO
MY LIQUID
MEGA MACK
FORM!

AND EACH TIME YOU TOUCH
ME, YOU BECOME MORE
AND MORE POISONED!

HE'S RIGHT... THE
MEGA MACK IS
ALREADY MAKING ME
FEEL REALLY ILL!

SWAPP!





LATER AND THE CLEAN-UP OPERATION IS WELL UNDER WAY. MEGATOX HAS BEEN SAFELY NEUTRALISED AND STORED IN A REINFORCED TANK.

ADMIT IT, GROUCHIO... THIS WAS ANOTHER PLAN BY YOU MARKIO BROTHERS TO GET ME!



BUT YOU'RE OUR FAVOURITE HEDGEHOG! WE WOULDN'T DO THAT TO YOU!

HAN! I HAVEN'T FORGOTTEN THE TIME YOU TIED ME TO THE TRACKS OF A ROLLER COASTER!

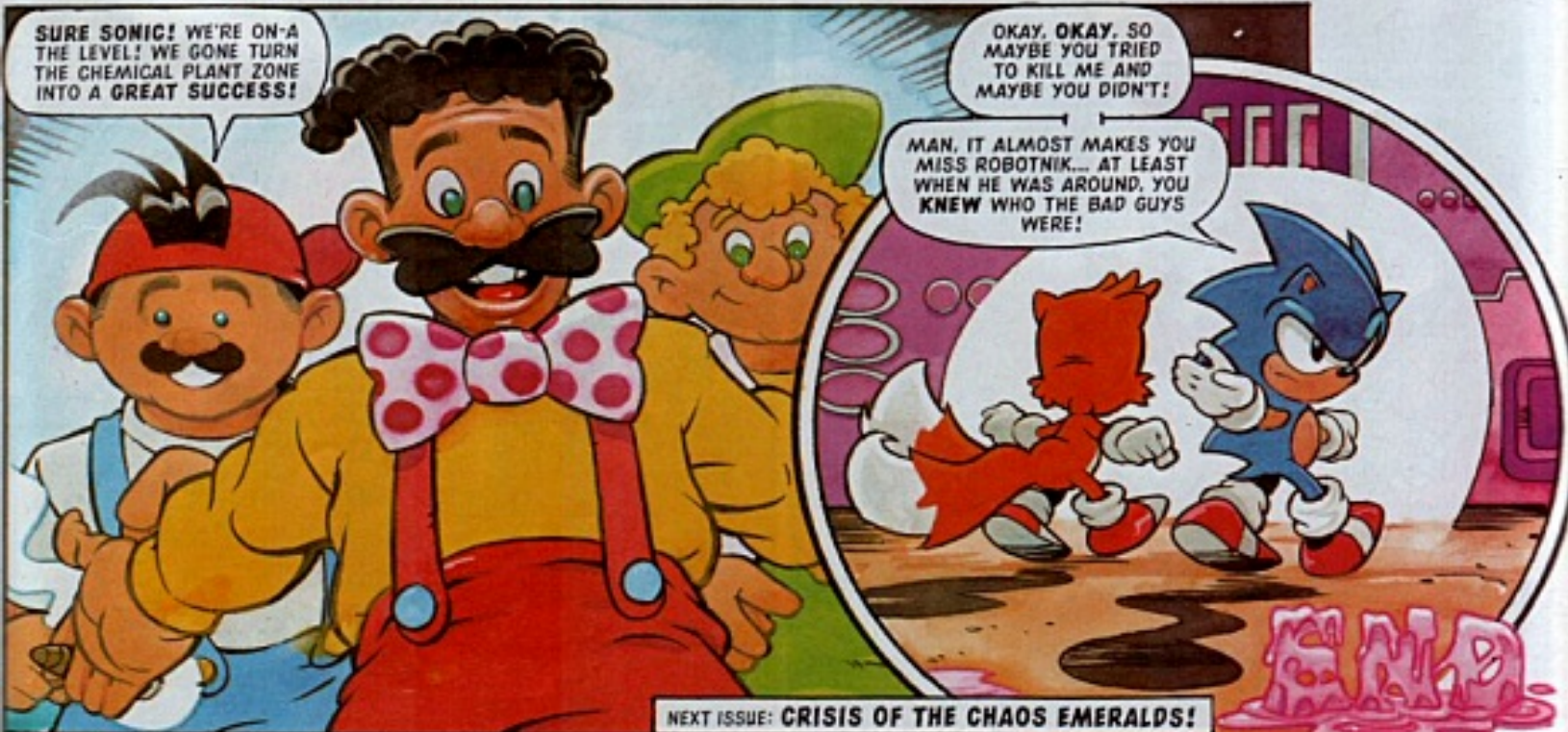


SONIC... THEY COULD BE TELLING THE TRUTH! I MEAN, WHY WOULD THEY SET A TRAP THAT DESTROYS THEIR OWN FACTORY?

SURE SONIC! WE'RE ON-A THE LEVEL! WE GONE TURN THE CHEMICAL PLANT ZONE INTO A GREAT SUCCESS!

OKAY, OKAY, SO MAYBE YOU TRIED TO KILL ME AND MAYBE YOU DIDN'T!

MAN, IT ALMOST MAKES YOU MISS ROBOTNIK... AT LEAST WHEN HE WAS AROUND, YOU KNEW WHO THE BAD GUYS WERE!



NEXT ISSUE: CRISIS OF THE CHAOS EMERALDS!

LIFE IS A PAIN IN THE TAILS FOR OUR HERO AT THE MOMENT...

YOU'VE SPRAINED YOUR TAILS WITH TOO MUCH FLYING! YOU MUST REST THEM FOR A FEW DAYS!

- BUT DOC! ASKING ME NOT TO FLY IS LIKE ASKING ROBOTNIK NOT TO BE HORRIBLE!

THAT'S ORDERS I'M AFRAID, SO NO FLYING!

Sigh. I'M GROUNDED!

AT LEAST IT'S A NICE DAY FOR A WALK!

KRAK BOOM!

TYPICAL!

tails

WEATHER BEATEN

Script: LEM STRONGER D & W art: CARL PLINT
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INSIDE THE AIRSHIP'S
CONTROL ROOM...

THE PEOPLE
OF MOBIUS WILL PAY
FOR MY DEFEAT! I WILL
SUBJECT THE PLANET TO
EXTREME TEMPERATURE
CHANGES UNTIL IT
CRACKS!

TIME
FOR A HEAT-
WAVE NOW!
HAHAHA!

I'D BETTER DO
SOMETHING OR THIS
HEAT WILL ROAST US
ALIVE!

NO JOKE
ABOUT HOT DOGS,
PLEASE!

OH NO, MY
TAILS ARE OUT OF
ACTION AND MY PLANE'S BEEN
WHEEL-CLAMPED! HOW DO I
GET AIRBORNE NOW?

NEVER FEAR!
ROGER BODGE
IS HERE!

WHY DOES
YOUR NAME
ALSO SOUND
FAMILIAR?





NEXT ISSUE: EXTRA SONIC STORY: HOT LEGS!



SPEED LINES

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... OR USE THE E-MAIL SERVICE (SEE BELOW FOR DETAILS).

PEN-PUSHING HEDGEHOG

Dear Megadroid,

I would like to know why Sonic answers the Boomer's questions instead of you?

Emma Buckley,
Warrington, Cheshire.
Enamel Badge Prize Winner.



Emma, don't you know that I am the hard-working, multi-purpose editorial server-droid around here? 'Tis I who replies to your letters, who carts lorry loads of mail twice daily from the post room to the STC nerve-centre. I'd be only too happy for Sonic to handle the mail, but he can't sit still for long enough!

SUPER SONIC RETURNS

Dear Megadroid,

I am interested to find out what has become of Super Sonic. Could you ask the humes when we are going to see more of him again?

Ali Alnajjar,
Dagenham, Essex.
Enamel Badge Prize Winner.



What timing, Ali! You can catch up with Super Sonic again in the very next issue, for the start of a brand new three part story called 'The Hunter And The Hunted'.

Sonic makes off with one of the competition prizes!



Anthony Bryant,
Stafford, Staffs.
Enamel Badge Prize Winner.



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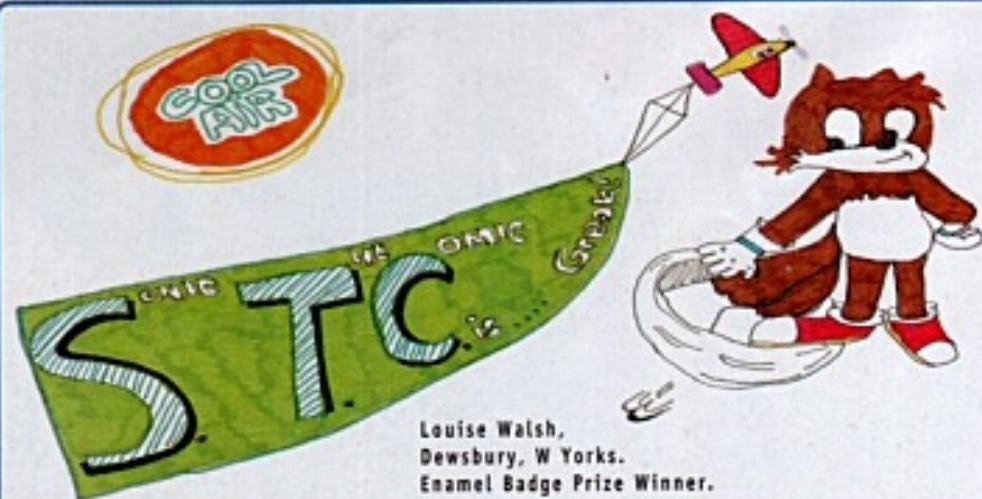
Dear Megadroid,

I am a fairly new reader to STC, and I think it would be even better if you included competitions. Also, I really enjoy the issues which include an extra Sonic story - after all, it is called 'Sonic the Comic'!

Adam Kissaglis,
Burringham, Nr Scunthorpe.
Enamel Badge Prize Winner.



Welcome to our happy ship Adam! I trust you'll be entering the Mountain Bike & Safety Gear Competition (see right). Also, the next issue includes an exclusive Compo for you to get your newly cut STC teeth into! In honour of Sonic's Mega Drive launch six years ago, one hundred family tickets are up for grabs to join in a celebration on Sunday, 16 November at Hamleys Toy Store in London.



Louise Walsh,
Dewsbury, W Yorks.
Enamel Badge Prize Winner.

Send your e-mail messages to stc@egmont.co.uk

Be sure to include your snail mail (postal) address if you want to win a prize!

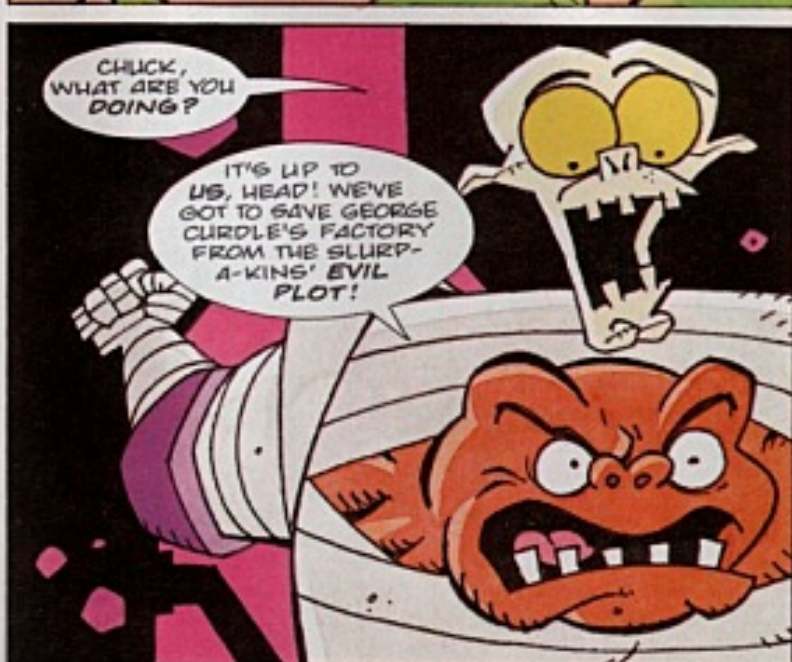
Decap Attack

PART 2

CHUCK AND THE CHEESE FACTORY

Script: NIGEL KITCHING & RICHARD RAYNER Art: NIGEL KITCHING Lettering: ELITTA FELL





I DON'T
EVEN MIND
IF IT'S A BIT
CRUMBLY!

SHUT IT,
HEAD! THIS IS
WAS... CHEESE
WAR!







NEXT ISSUE: THE PUMPKINS RETURN FOR HALLOWEEN!



WHY HAVE YOU
TWO ALIENS INVADED
EARTH? I WANT
ANSWERS!

THE UNDERGROUND BASE OF
OPERATION STARWATCH:
THE SECRET MILITARY GROUP
CREATED TO LOCATE UFO'S.
WHERE AMY AND TEKNO ARE
CURRENTLY PRISONERS...

WE'VE TOLD YOU!
WE LANDED ON
EARTH TO ASK FOR
DIRECTIONS TO
GET HOME!

SONIC WORLD
AMY & TEKNO

EARTHBOUND

PART 2

Script: LEW STRINGER H & W art: BOB COBURN Colour: JOHN M BURNS Lettering: TOM FRANK



WE JUST WANT TO
GET BACK TO
PLANET MOBIUS!



ADMIT IT! YOU WERE
TRYING TO CONTACT
AN INVASION FORCE
OF GOOGLY-EYED,
SIX-TENTACLED
ALIENS, WEREN'T
YOU?



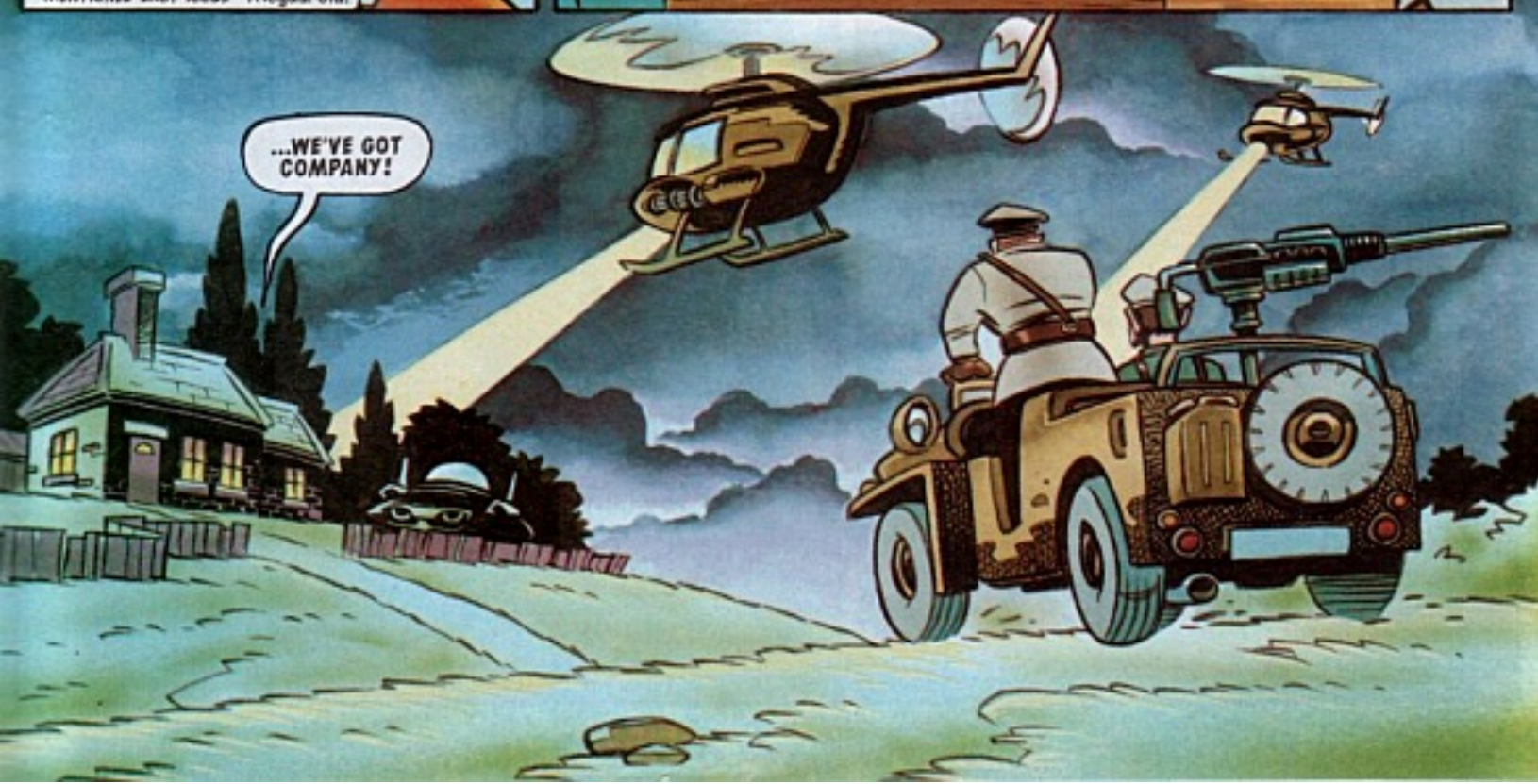
I KNOW WE'RE
THE VISITORS
HERE, BUT
WHAT PLANET
ARE YOU FROM,
BUDDY?







*MENTIONED LAST ISSUE - Megadroid.



YESSS! I BELIEVE THE TERM IS: GO FOR IT!

THANKS, PROF! YOU'RE A COOL DUDE... UNLIKE THOSE OTHER HUMANS!

ZZAP!

IT WORKED! WE'VE BEEN TRANSPORTED BACK TO PLANET MOBIUS!

NOW, THAT'S WHAT I CALL AN IMPRESSIVE ENTRANCE!

MEANWHILE, ON EARTH...

YOU FORGET, PROFESSOR. WE CAN FOLLOW THE ALIENS THROUGH THE GATEWAY AND RECAPTURE THEM!

I DON'T THINK SO, COLONEL!

I'VE JUST DELETED THE PROGRAM, AND IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO ACCESS IT AGAIN WITHOUT TEKNO'S INPUT!

HOW DARE YOU...

PROGRAM DELETED

LATER...

SO WHAT WAS EARTH LIKE?

HMMM... LET'S JUST SAY IT'S OKAY FOR A DAY TRIP, BUT I WOULDN'T HAVE WANTED TO STAY ANY LONGER!

THE END!

NEXT ISSUE: SPOOKED!

NEXT (HALLOWE'EN) ISSUE

a HUNDRED LUCKY DEVILS...

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HAMLEY'S

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